ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT
1948

SUMMARY OF FINANCES

INCOME	Cash	Aid in Books	Aid in Gas	Total
Athens & Clarke Co.	$15868.55	1971.32		17839.87
Oconee County	2298.36	1247.62	34.29	3580.27
Oglethorpe Co.	2607.31	1356.83	71.39	4035.53
	$20774.22	4575.77	105.68	25455.67

EXPENDITURES				
Athens & Clarke Co.	$13866.40	1971.32		15837.72
Oconee County	2097.99	1247.62	34.29	3379.90
Oglethorpe Co.	2379.72	1356.83	71.39	3807.94
	$18344.11	4575.77	105.68	23025.56
Balance Jan. 1,49	2430.11			2430.11
	$20774.22			$25455.67

EXPENDITURES BY Category

Salaries	$15203.22	
Books	5718.35	
Fur & Equipment	254.81	
Supplies	659.54	
Maintenance	1189.64	
Total	$23025.56	
Bal on hand Jan.1,1949	2430.11	
		$25455.67

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

Bills outstanding		
Trussell Motor Co. (Repairs to Bookbl)	213.27	
McGregor Co. (Supplies)	10.00	
Athen Auto Storage (Bkmbl)	14.00	
Bobbs, Merrill Co. (Books)	21.39	
Personal Book Shop (Books)	6.10	
Library of Congress (Cards)	3.59	
		$267.35
Orders outstamding		
Circulation Desk	748.00	
Furniture (Gaylord)	96.40	
Furniture (Remington)	88.00	
Furniture (McGregor)	111.80	
		$1044.20

STEWART REGIONAL LIBRARY
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1948

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

INCOME	Cash	Add In Kind Gen	Add In Kind Spec	Total
Stamps & Grants Co.	$25,[illegible].00	17[illegible].00		17[illegible].67
Oconee County	1[illegible].89	1[illegible].00	3[illegible].00	[illegible].27
Qualitytype Co.	3[illegible].61	[illegible]	7[illegible].39	[illegible].55
	$30[illegible].23	4[illegible].77	10[illegible].68	2[illegible].07

EXPENDITURE				
Atlanta & Grants Co.	$1[illegible].40	19[illegible].32		[illegible].74
Oconee County	3[illegible].09	[illegible].05	3[illegible].29	[illegible].90
Qualitytype Co.	2[illegible].74	1[illegible].85	7[illegible].89	[illegible].91
	$10[illegible].11	4[illegible].77	10[illegible].68	2[illegible].50
Balance Jan. 1,49		[illegible].11		2[illegible].11
				$2[illegible].07

EXPENDITURE BY Category

Salaries	$1[illegible].23
Books	[illegible].00
Tax & Insurance	[illegible].21
Supplies	[illegible].36
Maintenance	3[illegible].54
Total	$ [illegible].50
Bal on hand June 1,1949	2[illegible].11
	$ [illegible].07

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

Bills outstanding	
Treasurer Joyce Co. (Shipping to Local)	4[illegible].00
Mecomber Co. (Binding files)	10.00
Aiken Auto Storage (Stock)	1[illegible].00
Polk, Lumpkin Co. (Books)	[illegible].30
Personnel Book Shop (Books)	[illegible].10
Library of Congress (Cards)	3.35
	$[illegible]

Future subscriptions	
Circulation Desk	7[illegible].00
Furniture (Boylston)	[illegible].40
Furniture (Monticello)	[illegible].00
Furniture (Madison)	1[illegible].50
	$10[illegible].90

Sharing of
JOINT EXPENDITURES OF THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

	Administration Book Processing	Bookmobile
Salaries	6683.34	2642.19
Equipment	197.56	
Supplies	659.54	
Maintenance		
Postage	80.00	
Insurance	5.00	
Janitor	185.50	24.00
Heat & Lights & Lamps	138.34	
Phone		78.37
Repair fan	3.25	
Bookmobile upkeep		427.11
Total	$7952.53	$3171.67
Divided		
Athens (76%)	6043.92	-
Clarke (9%)	715.73	1189.37
Oconee (6%)	477.15	792.92
Oglethorpe (9%)	715.73	1189.38
100%	$7952.53	$3171.67

14 Apr 99 Short

28 Jan 99 due 1948 short

Sharing of

JOINT EXPENDITURES OF THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

	Administration	Bookmobile
	Book Processing	
Salaries	6683.34	8643.19
Equipment	197.56	
Supplies	608.54	
Maintenance		
Postage	80.00	
Insurance	5.00	
Janitor	185.00	24.00
Heat & Lights & Lamps	186.34	
Phone		78.37
Repair Van	3.25	
Bookmobile Upkeep		487.11
Total	$7982.53	$9171.67
Divided		
Athens (75%)	6043.92	
Clarke (3%)	715.73	1189.37
Oconee (6%)	427.15	722.82
Oglethorpe (9%)	715.73	1189.36
100%	$7982.53	$9171.67

ATHENS - CLARKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Total
Athens City Council	$8400.00		
Fines in Main Library	554.36		
Clarke County Commissioners	6000.00		
Books lost and paid for	32.24		
Donations			
Sgt. Jack Bradley	1.56		
Athens Art Association	60.08	19.42	
Lucy Clarke UDC	2.03		
Rent from garage	15.00		
Dunbar library fines	1.41		
State funds for county and region		1951.90	
Balance on hand Jan. 1948	801.87		
Total	$15868.55	$1971.32	$17839.87

EXPENDITURES

Share of joint expenses (Clarke)	715.73		
Share of joint expenses of admin. and book processing (Athens)	6043.92		
Salaries for reader's service in Main Library	4154.94		
Salary for Dunbar branch	480.00		
Fur & Equip for Dunbar	57.25		
Coal for Dunbar	15.00		
Repairs for Dunbar	42.20		
Phone	78.37		
Cushions for chairs	2.50		
Share of bookmobile for service for Clarke County	1189.37		
Books and periodicals (cash)	1087.12		
	$ 13866.40	$1971.32	$15837.72
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	2002.15		2002.15
	$ 15868.55	$1971.32	$17839.87

Loan to Clarke County Donation Fund $500.00 (to be repaid)

ATHENS - CLARKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Total
Athens City Council	$6400.00		
Fines in Main Library	634.58		
Clarke County Commissioners	6000.00		
Books lost and paid for	32.24		
Donations			
Exp. Desk Sundry	1.58		
Athens Art Association	00.08	10.42	
Lucy Clarke UDC	2.03		
Rent from storage	15.00		
Dunbar Library Fines	1.41		
State funds for county and region		1871.90	
Balance on hand Jan. 1949	301.87		
Total	$13880.50	$1871.32	$17039.87

EXPENDITURES

Share of joint expenses (Clarke)	715.72		
Share of joint expenses of Athens and book processing (Athens)	884.02		
Salaries for regular service in Main Library	4134.94		
Salary for Dunbar branch	480.00		
Fur & Equip for Dunbar	37.25		
Coal for Dunbar	15.00		
Repairs for Dunbar	43.40		
Phone	72.37		
Cushions for chairs	2.50		
Share of bookmobile for service for Clarke County	3150.37		
Books and periodicals (cash)	1027.12		
	$ 12266.40	$1871.32	$13837.72
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	2002.15		3202.15
	$ 12800.55	$1871.32	$17039.87

Loan to Clarke County Donation Fund $300.00 (to be repaid)

OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Gas	Total
Watkinsville Town Council	150.00			
Board of Commissioners	300.00			
Board of Education	600.00		34.29	
Watkinsville PTA	60.00			
American Legion	25.00			
Bogart PTA	25.00			
Bogart Branch fines	4.96			
State funds for county and regional libraries	968.75	951.90		
School matching fund		295.72		
Bal on hand Jan. 1948	164.65			
	$2298.36	$1247.62	$34.29	3580.27

EXPENDITURES

Share of joint admin & book processing	477.15			
Share of bookmobile	792.92			
Salaries for Wat & Bogart	802.75			
Bogart - oil	4.32			
Books (cash)	20.85			
	2097.99	1247.62	34.29	3379.90
Balance on hand Jan. 1	200.37			200.37
	$2298.36	1247.62	34.29	3580.27

OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Gas	Total
Watkinsville Town Council	150.00			
Board of Commissioners	300.00			
Board of Education	800.00		34.20	
Watkinsville PTA	80.00			
Athens Region	35.00			
Bogart PTA	25.00			
Bogart Herald Times	4.88			
State funds for county and regional libraries	988.75	825.80		
School matching fund		398.72		
Bal. on hand Jan. 1968	164.85			
	$3238.38	$1247.52	34.20	3520.37

EXPENDITURES

Share of John Adkin & book processing	417.15			
Share of bookmobile	702.22			
Salaries for Wat & Bogart	802.75			
Bogart - oil	4.38			
Books (cash)	20.85			
	2047.35	1247.52	34.20	3329.07
Balance on hand Jan. 1	200.37			200.37
	$2247.72	1247.52	34.20	3529.37

OGLETHORPE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Gas	Total
Board of Commissioners	766.69			
Board of Education (Dec. 1947)	31.50			
Board of Education	597.85		71.39	
Lexington Womans Club	15.00			
American Legion	16.00			
Lexington Masonic Lodge	10.00			
Arnoldsville Womans Club	5.00			
Crawford Womans Club	10.00			
Salem Home Demonstration Club	4.00			
Stephens " "	2.00			
Philomath " "	2.00			
Meson Academy PTA (Ga. Shelf)	35.00			
Lexington Girl Scouts (Ga. Shelf)	18.80			
State funds for county and regional libraries	968.75	951.90		
School matching fund (1/3 local)		404.93		
Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1948	124.72			
	$2607.31	1356.83	71.39	4035.53

EXPENDITURES

Share of joint expenses of admin & book process	715.73			
Share of bookmobile	1189.38			
Salary - Lexington	440.00			
Books - (Cash) for Ga. Shelf	34.61			
	$2379.72	1356.83	71.39	3807.94
Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1949	227.59			227.59
	$2607.31	1356.83	71.39	4035.53

COLLINGWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

INCOME

	Cash	Books	Gas	Total
Board of Commissioners	785.00			
Board of Education (Dec. 1947)	21.50			
Board of Education	847.85		71.39	
Lexington Women Club	15.00			
American Legion	15.00			
Lexington Masonic Lodge	10.00			
Arnoldsville Women Club	5.00			
Crawford Women Club	10.00			
Salem Home Demonstration Club	4.00			
Stephens " "	3.00			
Pallomath " "	3.00			
Mason Academy PTA (Co. Shelf)	35.00			
Lexington Girl Scouts (Co. Shelf)	18.50			
State funds for county and regional libraries	989.75			
School matching fund (1/3 local)		851.90		
		404.93		
Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1948	124.72			
	$3807.31	1256.83	71.39	4035.55

EXPENDITURE

Share of joint expense of admin & book process	715.73			
Share of bookmobile	1189.32			
Salary - Lexington	440.00			
Books - (Cash) for Co. Shelf	84.01			
	$2379.73	1256.83	71.39	3707.94
Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1949	827.58			327.58
	$3207.31	1256.83	71.39	4035.55

BOOK STOCK

Forwarded 31317

	Number Gen.	Number Dunbar	Number Total	Value Gen.	Value Dunbar	Value Total
Cash	296	63	358	596.51	81.49	678.00
Oconee	219	3	222	306.85	4.83	311.68
Oglethorpe	428	4	432	488.04	3.35	491.39
Region	1787	802	2589	2821.28	742.50	3563.78
Gifts	472	32	504	-	-	-
	3202	904	4105	$4212.68	$832.17	$5044.85

Books withdrawn:

WPA	83	
Library	1058	
Dunbar	38	
Total	1179	
NET BOOKSTOCK		34243

Distribution:

	Books	Value	Gifts
Athens	1033	$1970.78	452
Dunbar	872	832.17	32
Region	1696	2241.90	20
	3601	$5044.85	504

Miles travelled by Bookmobile

Clarke County	2119
Oconee "	2021
Oglethorpe "	3336
Total	7476

MEMBERS OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOVE RESULTS

Miss Alma Hughes, Bookkeeper and Assistant in Cataloging, assisted by Mrs. A.S. Bussey

REGISTRATION:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Forwarded	7336	4928	12264
Athens	279	177	456
Dunbar	78	37	115
Counties	42	95	137
	7735	5237	12972

Reregistration in Athens Library began Oct. 1948

Athens	409	1	410
Dunbar	28	23	51
Counties	-	-	-
	437	24	461

CIRCULATION:

	Non-fiction A	Non-fiction J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Mag	Total 1948	Total 1947
Athens	6370	2829	17945	11253	1410	39807	38138
Dunbar	639	510	951	1604	779	4483	5851
Bookmobile	355	3908	3336	12832	-	20431	17956
Total	7364	7247	22232	25689	2189	64721	61945
Watkinsville	99	166	2229	1724	206	4424	4913
Bogart	386	1378	1257	5795	579	9395	8334
Bookmobile	762	4047	4788	13156	-	22753	19411
Total	1247	5591	8274	20675	785	36572	32658
Crawford Sub Branch	7	302	51	544	-	904	-
Lexington	396	723	1508	3309	307	6243	4501
Bookmobile	714	4541	5441	16202	-	26898	25509
Total	1117	5566	7000	20055	307	34045	30010
Grand total	9728	18404	37506	66419	3281	135338	124613

MEMBERS OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOVE RESULTS

Mrs. Della Bone, Supervisor of Circulation in Main
Assisted by Miss Garland Smith
Mrs. A.S. Bussey
Mrs. Walter Strange
Mrs. O.D. Hudson, Bookmobile Librarian
Assisted by Mr. Julian Aiken
Mrs. Prudence Marchman, Lexington;
Mrs. Carrie Hussey, Watkinsville
Mrs. Ola Daniel, Bogart
Roxie Jarrell, Dunbar Branch, Athens

HIGH POINTS OF THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1948

Solid gains to the Athens Regional Library mark the year 1948. The Trustees made a tremendous contribution by pushing ahead with the building. Mr. Wilmer Heery was appointed architect. Plans were advertised in July, and when the bid was $24000 too high, plans were revised, readvertised, and the contract finally awarded to G. M. Caskey for the low bid of $35,495.... To reach this bid, the Clarke County Commissioners came to the rescue with an appropriation of $3000, and Mrs. Wilkins raised $4000 in contributions. Work on the building began in September, and by December 31, it was about three fourths finished. The public became increasingly enthusiastic as work progressed. On all sides is heard praise for the location and the appearance of the new Main Library.

THE NEW BUILDING COMES TRUE

Although the use of the Main Library (YMCA building) has fallen off in the spring of 1948 from that of 1947 when the bond issue was focusing attention on it, at the end of 1948 circulations showed a gain of 10,725 over 1947, throughout the whole system. Main Library had an increase of 1669. Two of the branches gained 2803, and the bookmobile loans increased by 7206 over 1947... Much of the increase was due to increased attention being paid to work with young people and children. The Vacation Reading Club was publicized more than usual and 245 certificates were awarded. Mrs. Strange joined the staff in September to head the work with children. With the consistent aid given to students there has been a noticeable increase in interest in the Library and realization of its value. Publicity through talks, radio and newspaper has helped. Story hours with Miss Bloomfield continue to be popular.

MORE READING DONE IN 1948

The more books we are able to offer to county school children, the more books are read. Mrs. Hudson, Bookmobile Librarian, reports that the response to the bookmobile service this year has been excellent. "During the summer", she says, "I could especially appreciate how much it means to many people. There was a mother, for example, who walked five miles with her son, once a month, to meet the bookmobile at her old home. She was afraid she couldnt tell us where she lived, and didn't want her child to miss reading; she and her husband could only make an X for a signature.... A teacher in one of the one-teacher schools said the other day: 'You know, I didn't think so much of this Bookmobile idea when the WPA started it, but I don't see how I could teach without it, now!.. The larger consolidated schools get around 1000 of our books read each month, not counting those read in the schoolroom and not taken home... Many parents read the books their children bring home...In our service to adults I have noticed a waning of interest in best sellers which are reputed to be daring. More customers want 'new, clean books'... Our requests are as varied as the weather, for we are reaching out to people who thought of a library as only a place to get a novel, but by now have discovered that it can be a source of information as well."

BOOKMOBILE SERVICE POPULAR

Large centers of population need a branch library rather than bookmobile service, which does well for scattered communities. The branches all carried on well this year under experienced custodians and two, Lexington and Bogart showed gains in circulation, even though the Bogart librarian was out a long time with illness... Watkinsville Branch has found a new location into which to move as soon as it is "thrown out" of the present one. The new site is very good. In Dunbar Branch for Negroes in Athens (although it is intended to serve the three counties) the circulation fell somewhat from the excellent 1947 record, due to the fact that teachers did not borrow as heavily for classes. Beginning in January 1949, the Bookmobile will leave deposit collections of lovely new children's books with the rural Negro schools in Clarke and Oconee. The collection is very small, but it is a start. Oglethorpe County did not want to have their Negro schools take responsibility for library books. Our work with Negroes has been neglected, as we have devoted most of our effort to making the service to whites of as good a standard as possible. We should have a full-time Negro professional librarian to assist with this part of the job.

BRANCH LIBRARIES FILL NEED

A passion for knowledge is found in only a small percentage of the population, but the Library has a number of borrowers, not just in Athens, who read for the pleasure of learning. A much larger group have a sporadic curiosity, and come to the library for help on quiz programs. Other people have found that the library's books are a real help with everyday problems, and we get a large number of questions that come up in making a home, raising a family, OR pursuing a hobby. Vocational interests are not represented among users of the library as much as one might expect. There is a plumber who consults books in his field, a bee-keeper who studies everything he can get, a would-be pottery salesman who came for addresses of mold-manufacturers and books of designs, an inventor who wanted to make contacts, and a few others. The Bookmobile staff gets questions from farmers who have not found the county agent's bulletins enough help. But on the whole the business and trade groups are not using our services as much as could be. We need to improve our resources, but we also need to connect with those people in the community who want to better their business through study. For example, we have been trying to promote books on beauty culture in Athens, with small success. Many persons are interested theoretically, but so far few have taken time to study.

EDUCATIONAL VALUES EMPHASIZED

Most of the clubs in Athens, and in Clarke, Oconee, and Oglethorpe have shown their interest in the library at some time, but particular attention should be given in this report to those who made the financial contributions listed in our financial report. Other groups with which we have had close contact, often for mutual service, are the garden clubs, the Girl Scouts, the YMCA, YWCA, PTA, City Recreation Department. The Woman's Club of Crawford rendered invaluable service last summer by running the Crawford Sub-branch with 904 circulation in two months. The Athens Art Assocation, with Miss Laura Blackshear in charge of arranging it, has held fortnightly shows of Athens artists in the Library.

COOPERATION OF GROUPS

Other libraries help us and we help some of them. There is the closest cooperation with the University Library, in answering questions, in exchange of gifts, and in interlibrary loan... We also borrow occasionally from the Carnegie Library of Atlanta and frequently from the State Library Extension... There is a long way to go in cooperation with the school libraries of Athens. Their facilities and ours are still so inadequate that we cannot yet prove the great benefits of close cooperation. When some day they have adequate space, a good collection, and a librarian in each school, and when we shall have achieved plenty of children's books and an adequate service, the school and the public library together will be able to develop really good reading habits among Athens children... The county school libraries have a closer relationship with the public library service, as they are dependent on the Regional Library for credit toward accreditation. Mrs. Strange works closely with the high school librarians and find that the quality of the school library varies with the emphasis given to it in the school. The amount of time and interest which the teacher-librarian spends on the library affects to a surprising amount the student's reading and the value they get from the Bookmobile service.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER LIBRARIES

State aid has been a big factor in the development of library service in 1948. State funds were increased as of July 1 from $3892.95 to $6839.45 for the year 1948/49. Up to $3300 of this amount could be in cash for salaries; the rest was earmarked for books. (See the financial report.) Unless we get as much support for 1949/50 our budget will have to be slashed. Fortunately we have a balance on January 1, 1949, as we allowed in the budget for expenses involved in moving in 1948. The new quarters will cost much more for upkeep, and we shall require additional equipment and furniture, which we have delayed buying because we hoped to get some in donations. We may need more staff if demands from the public increase as anticipated. We need a new bookmobile... Our income is still below half of the $1.50 per capita that we need for "minimum service" by national standards. We need county tax rates that will bring in an income of about $70,000 for the three counties. Since $70000 is a pipe dream, we shall still press for state aid. But we should be working for a tax rate for public library support in each of the three counties.

FINANCES

The Athens Public Library will be thirteen years old in March, 1949. The Athens Regional Library, its outgrowth, is eight years old this month. Much has been accomplished in a short time, and if the young institution continues to develop at the rate it has done, it will become a real "community intelligence center", with books, phonograph records, and films available to all the people and used by all to the best advantage.

THE FUTURE

Mary E. Townes

MARY E. TOWNES, DIRECTOR

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
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INCOME

Jan.1 Balance	1930.11
Athens & Clarke County	
Refund by Donation Fund (Check loaned)	500.00
City of Athens	10000.00
Clarke County	10000.00
State Depart of Ed. (Dec. 1948)	275.00
State Depart of Ed.	3025.00
Fines (Dec. 1948)	51.50
"	781.18
Books sold	35.52
" Lost & Paid	22.57
Donations	
Miss Root	10.00
UDC	1.68
Athens Art Assoc.	61.20
PTA Council	150.00
Lollie Hutchens S.S. Class	5.00
Sycamore Naval Stores	25.00
Mrs. Chas. Joel	10.00
Mrs. H.E. Murdock	18.50
Athens Hi PTA	30.00
Athens Pilot Club	10.80
Mrs. Henry Pope	1.75
Mrs. Alciatore	25.00
Mrs. Walter Sams	25.00
Miss Blanche Hubert	5.00
Richard Joel	50.00
	$27049.81
Oconee County	
PTA (1948)	60.00
Board of Commissioners (1948)	100.00
" "	400.00
Town of Bogart	25.00
" Watkinsville	150.00
Board of Education	600.00
Donation Bookmobile fund	571.48
Fines	1.00
	$1907.48
Oglethorpe County	
Board of Commissioners	800.04
" Education	604.52
Donation Bookmobile Fund	827.50
Fines	10.00
	$2242.06
	$31199.35

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	
Adminis & Process	8871.05
Athens & Dunbar	3856.84
Branches (Oc & Og)	1320.00
Bookmobile	3159.55
Books and Periodicals	
Cash outlay	2576.21
Furniture & Equip	
Athens & Bookmobile	4526.21
Watkinsville	20.40
Supplies	
Office & Book repair	756.32
Miscellaneous	366.39
Rent Watkinsville Library	50.00
Maintenance	
Phone	220.75
Bookmobile	506.97
Postage	127.02
Cleaning materials	45.60
Lights	272.87
Janitor	1007.40
Materials & Labor on cushions	25.53
Insurance	164.43
Refin Chairs	40.00
Fuel	178.50
Repair Watkinsville Library	39.34
Water	19.14
Fire Tanks	72.00
Roberts Elec Co.	9.92
Watkinsville (Oil)	3.20
Repair Lexington Library	14.47
	28250.11
By Balance	2949.24
	$31199.25

Other Income

Oconee County	150 Gals Gas	42.30
Oglethorpe Co.	281 "	64.72

A Year of Progress - 1949

THE BUILDING

On March 13, 1949, when the new building was formally opened to the public, a dream was fulfilled for the founders of the Library, the Board, and the library staff. To the general public, the transformation of an eye sore into a beautiful public building was the remarkable achievement. To the friends of the library and the library staff, the change from quarters in the YMCA and the County Courthouse basement - quarters that were out of the way, inconvenient, crowded and dark- to space on a busy corner that is convenient, relatively large, bright and beautiful - this was the prime and noteworthy accomplishment. Credit for this big step forward in the library program is due to many, but more to Mrs. Jack Wilkins than to any other one person, as she pushed and guided in turns until the deed was done. The community applauded, because even those who were not interested in a public library as such were glad to see the restoration of an old home into an attractive library that became for many Athenians "a place you like to go into"

The pride of the community in the new library has been evident in many ways. From the opening afternoon when about a thousand persons visited the library, to the end of 1949, visitors came in frequently "just to see the library", accompanied by some one who was proud to show it off. Tangible gifts have been received: money for furniture, for books, and material for the grounds - gravel, seed, shrubbery, the iron fence. The "City Fathers" took the library under their care by doing necessary concrete work.

Even before the contracts for remodelling were signed, the Board and the staff knew the new building would not be big enough for a public library. The decision had been made to go ahead and use the funds available to show Athens what a library could mean to the community, so that they would want to add to it when it was urgently needed. Storage for magazine files and off-season books is still available in the County Courthouse basement.

Space is conserved in the new building by application of rigid standards in book selection. The criterion is usefulness to the citizens of Athens, in fields of knowledge not adequately nor conveniently covered by the University Library.

USE OF THE LIBRARY IN ATHENS

Many new borrowers have come to the library since it was moved, and many new readers now enjoy the facilities of the library for browsing or study. Whereas in the YMCA it was rather unusual to see an Athenian sitting and reading, in the new building there are more Athenians doing just this than there are students.

Circulation of books has increased 48% in 1949 over 1948 from the Athens Library, as total for 1949 was 73,454 as compared with 39,807 in 1948. Of this number 14,082 were juvenile books in 1948, and 31,240 in 1949, an increase of 55%. One naturally draws the conclusion that provision of space and staff for a service enables that service to develop. Readers receiving certificates in the Vacation Reading Club in 1949 numbered 484, and 294 certificates were awarded from the Athens Library alone, as against 67 in 1948.

Reference use of the library has grown along with circulation, with the circulation desk assistant handling the questions with occasional help from Miss Townes. Service in this area could be developed with additional staff, and stress should be given to questions from the business and skilled labor sections of the community. The collection is better developed for homemakers, parents, hobbyists, than it is for technical materials. An effort has been made this year to develop the business collection.

The phonograph record collection, which was begun by the Clarke County P.T.A. Council has not been developed because of lack of time. It should be added to, a system of administration worked out, and publicized. Volunteer help could be used.

The genealogical collection is small, but with the DAR deposit books, and the new bookshelves which they have given to the library, considerable interest is likely to develop in this collection in the coming year, and it could prove valuable to the

community if family histories could be donated to the library to expand the collection. It will need attention from the director, but volunteer help from the DAR could be used to get the books in order and listed.

The conference room has been used for some small meetings, beside library board meetings. The Visiting Teachers district meeting was held there, as well as a regular study group from the League of Women Voters. The space could be used for civic group meetings more frequently than it has been used, if publicity were given to its availability. Larger groups might use the Children's Room in the evenings, as the drama group of the American Association of University Women met there once and found it pleasant.

BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

Better facilities in two directions aided the bookmobile service in 1949. The space provided in the new headquarters building proved very satisfactory, and much time has been saved by its convenient location and arrangement. The three counties bought a new bookmobile in September, and this has been enjoyed and appreciated. The use of the bookmobile increased from 70,082 in 1948 to 80,898 in 1949. This is an increase of 10,816 or 13%. Of this number 5326 books were circulated to Negro rural schools, a service begun in January 1949 with a tiny collection of new books which have been much enjoyed and exceptionally well taken care of. None have been lost, or even wilfully damaged.

About the same number of children won certificates in the Vacation Reading Club in 1949 as in 1948. This is an area which could be developed with more staff time for extended bookmobile routes during the summer months.

BRANCH LIBRARY SERVICE

Dunbar library in Athens continued to serve the Negro population with partiel satisfaction. A full-time, professional librarian is needed to develop the use of the good collection of books which is being accumulated there. The present part-time clerical worker is slowly increasing the number of loans made, but a large group of potential readers are not reached. The Negro Library Advisory Board should be revived, and if possible have a representative on the regular board. The physical conditions of the library have been gradulally improved, with lights, new floor covering, paint, and a little new furniture, but more needs to be done. Circulation increased in 1949, as the record is 4483 in 1948 and 5976 in 1949. The number of certificates in the Vacation Reading Club was 20 in 1949 and only - in 1948. The certificates were presented to the children in the schools in October, with a short program of storytelling, and this small effort increased the use of the library.

Watkinsville Library circulated 4912 books in 1949 as compared with 4424 in 1948. It was closed for a short time for moving. With the move from one side of the square to the other, the rent was increased, but the new location is a more desirable one, and the space is larger. New shelves were built.

Bogart library circulated 12,620 books in 1949 as compared with 9395 in 1948. The effect of this branch is evident throughout that end of Oconee County, as the school children make heavy use of the library, and many of them borrow books for their parents or older brothers and sisters. The school has given the librarian increasing cooperation, and the principal plans to remodel a classroom into a library so that there will be more space for classes to make use of the Regional Library facilities.

Lexington Library brightened its quarters this year with new linoleum (a gift from the Woman's Club) and new bookshelves, but the space is still too small, as groups from the school visit the library once a week. The circulation in 1949 was 5898 as compared with 6243 in 1948.

In each of the white branches a systematic method of frequent exchange of books is needed. This will take planning from the central administration, and eager cooperation of the branch librarians, and a little of the time of the bookmobile staff, but it should be done to keep the collections fresh for those branch readers who are too voracious to be content with a small library's offerings.

LIBRARY STAFF

There were no changes on the library staff untill December, when Miss Townes resigned to accept an apointment in the Foreign Service of the U.S. State Department, and Mrs. Eugenia Daughtie Stephens took over as Acting Director on a temporary basis. The entire staff cooperated whole-heartedly in the difficult period of moving into a new building, when Miss Townes' attention was entirely on the headquarters, with almost no time to spare for the branches. The library staff enjoys the new facilities.

A pension plan should be made for the library as soon as possible. There is some hope that the library may be included in the federal social security act, if it is extended this year. As it is, there is no provision for staff pension.

LIBRARY BOARD

At the May meeting Mr. Gunn was elected Vice Chairman of the Regional Library Board, and in September, when Mrs. Wilkins resigned as Chairman to become Chairman Emeritus, he was elected Chairman. The Board has made a signal contribution to the community in 1949 with the new building, the new bookmobile, the improvement of the library grounds, and general physical improvement. They have also supported the library's educational program so steadfastly and wisely that the income for 1950 is probably better assured than it has been for other years. The Board is aware of the library's general needs for more space, more staff, - and of course more money, and believes that with increased use of the library it may be possible to obtain these advantages.

DONATION FUND

INCOME (1948 & 1949)		
Jan. 21	Balance	516.85
	Caskey & Son	2500.00
	C & S Bank	1000.00
	J.J. Wilkins, Jr	700.00
	Womans Club	200.00
	Max Michael	50.00
	Abit Nix	50.00
	McElreath Beverage Co.	50.00
	Nellie S. Phinizy	50.00
	Louise P. Tillman	50.00
	T.M. Tillman Co.	50.00
	Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	50.00
	Thornton Paper Co.	50.00
	W.L. Erwin	50.00
	L.O. Price	50.00
	Bannon Jones	25.00
	J.B. Alexander	25.00
	University Chevrolet Co.	25.00
	Webb, Crawford Co.	25.00
	North Georgia Brokerage Co.	25.00
	Hulme Fertilizer Co.	25.00
	Georgia Motors	15.00
	Blanton Fortson	15.00
	Jas. B. Allen	15.00
	Wm. J. Russell	15.00
	Louise Dobbs	10.00
	Mrs. H.E. Talmadge	10.00
	Rodgers Mill	10.00
	Mrs. Albert Sams	10.00
	Harriet G. Erwin	10.00
	Crawford Coal Co.	10.00
	Eugenia Blount	5.00
	Total donations	$5691.85

EXPENDITURES (1948 & 1949)		
Sept. 30	Supplement to Building Fund Ck. #1	3500.00
	#2	500.00
1949		
Feb. 20	J.A. Hale for bannisters	148.50
	Jack Bales for hauling	4.00
Mar. 21	Bryan Lumpkin for cuts	27.00
28	Sterchi Co. for Love Seat	48.96
	Ed Thilenius for pictures	2.00
	Thurmon Fur Co. Green Chair	110.00
April 30	McGregor Co. for Venetian Blinds Chair & Seattee 4 Arm Chairs & plates	676.98
	J.M. Hardy for cuts	2.61
	Total	5020.05
	OUTSTANDING BILLS	
	Phonograph Record Cabinet	160.00
	8 Bank of England Chairs	162.00
	10 Bank of England Chairs	202.50
	Total expenditures	5544.55
	Balance on hand	147.30
	Total expenditures and balance	$5691.85

OTHER GIFTS TOWARDS THE NEW LIBRARY

C & S Bank - mahogany table 14' x 10'
Athens Art Association - plywood for display panels; fine prints
G.M. Caskey family - built in bookcases
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts - help
Athens Vocational School - making work counter, display rack, etc.
Orange Crush Bottling Co. - containers for moving
Coca Cola Bottling Co. - " "
Benson's Bakery - trash cans
Georgia Motors - loan of truck
Athens Seed Co. - Grass seed for lawn
Hodgson Fertilizer Co. - fertilizer for lawn and labor
City of Athens - labor on grounds; concrete work
Dudley Nursery - shrubs
Adams Aggregate Co. - gravel for driveway
Roberts Electric Co. - water cooler drinking fountain
Mrs. E.W. Parks - Studio Couch
McGregor Co. - Yellow Leather Chair
University Chevrolet Co. - Typewriter Desk
Mrs. Chas. Joel - Desk, Chair and Mhg Rocker
W.C. Thurmond - globe
Clarke Co. PTA Council - phonograph and records
Athens High School PTA - refinishing table and chairs

Above report AS OF April 30, 1949

Mr. Hodgson reported that the following helped towards the cost of projects that have recently improved the looks of the Library to an amazing extent:

George Tucker made the iron fence at cost (gift about $75.)	
Douglas Welch	10.00
Wilfong Bros.	10.00
Thornton Paper Co.	10.00
Jack Daniel	5.00
Carter Daniel	5.00
H.L. Corneilson	5.00
Garland Hulme (Ocobee St. Filling Station)	10.00
Jack Morris (M.P. Morris Concrete Co.)	5.00
Dan Hill	5.00
Norman Corker	5.00
Julian Cox	5.00

H.L. Cofer - Grass seed for winter grass
City of Athens - Concrete foundation for fence and concrete entrance to driveway

Mr, Hodgson is responsible for getting the library grounds to look as they do at no cost to the library. We hope the Library Board members will take opportunity to thank the individuals who have contributed to the cost of the improvements.

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INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Jan. 1,1950 Balance	2949.24	Salaries	
City of Athens	10000.00	Admin & Process	8074.25
Clarke County	10000.00	Athens & Dunbar	4176.07
Fines (Athens)	958.90	Branches (Oc & Og)	1515.00
Books (Lost & Paid)	21.20	Bookmobile	3793.40
Membership Fees (5)	15.00	Books & Periodicals	
Donations		Cash outlay	2634.70
Womans Club	25.00	Travel (S. Maret)	300.00
Athens Film Council	6.00	Teacher Retir Fund	
Mrs. Chas. Joel	5.00	(S. Maret)	91.67
D.A.R. on Caskey Bill	15.00	Publicity	
		Bryan Lumpkin	6.50
		Spec Letters	20.00
Og Board of Commis	800.04	Sturgis Print Co.	30.00
Og Board of Educa	665.80	Athens Co-op Creamery	6.50
Donations		Furniture & Equipment	
Lexington Womans Club	12.00	Athens	384.64
" UDC	12.50	Dunbar	72.95
		Supplies	
		Office & Book Repairs	747.80
Oconee Board of Commis	200.00	Rent Watkinsville	50.00
Oconee Board of Educ	600.00	Petty Cash (miscel)	51.25
Town of Watkinsville	150.00	Maintenance	
Donation		Phones	229.14
Watkinsville PTA	20.00	Postage	53.00
		Lights	330.92
		Fuel	206.50
State Department of Educ	3575.00	Bookmobile	248.87
		Water	25.65
		Insurance	88.05
		Janitor	1276.90
		Tiller Plumb Co.	33.70
		Athens Hdw Co.	31.69
		Hodgson Refin Co.	8.75
		Moon, Winn	1.69
		Lester Labor	33.03
		Roberts Elec Co.	49.70
		Thornton Paper Co.	46.59
		Bailey Plumb Co.	20.75
		White & Wier	46.20
		Kerosene (Watkinsville)	5.15
		Sam Smith Co.	6.20
		Orkin Exter Co.	40.00
		Evergreen Landscape Co.	110.25
		W.T. Ledford	3.15
		Patrick Pharmacy	1.05
		Horton Drug Co.	3.63
		E.H. Yearwood	7.50
		Ralph Wiley	6.00
		Bailey & Sons	6.00
		Geo. K. Jones	12.10
		Athens Seed Co.	3.13
		Phillips & Pendland	5.50
		Econy Auto Stores	4.78
		Students Union	3.95
		D.D. Saye	39.25
			24943.50
		Balance	5087.18
	$30030.68		$30030.68

Other Income

Oconee County	145	Gals Gas	$42.35
Oglethorpe	243	"	$63.28

CIRCULATION 1950

	Non-fiction A	Non-fiction J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz.	Total 1950	Total 1949
Athens	10303	8639	34894	29031	3143	86010	73454
Dunbar	623	1750	763	3550	828	7514	5976
Bookmobile	683	4737	3384	12685	-	21489	24845
Negro Schools		1163		5416		6579	4113
Watkinsville	200	335	2664	2303	482	5984	4913
Bogart	374	1470	1769	7149	812	11574	12620
Bookmobile	762	3781	3949	10848	-	19340	21076
Negro Schools		874		4461	-	5335	1239
Crawford Branch							239
Lexington	306	727	1650	2060	388	5131	5898
Bookmobile	828	6611	5309	16653	-	29401	29625
Total	14079	30087	54382	94156	5653	198357	183998

REGISTRATION 1950

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Jan.1, 1950	2121	1093	3214
Athens & Region	1081	640	1721
Dunbar	69	73	142
Total	3271	1806	5077

BOOK STOCK

Net Book Stock Jan. 1, 1950		38119
Athens & Region		3329
Dunbar		671
		42119
Books withdrawn:		
Library	343	
WPA	26	
Dunbar	47	
		416
Net Book Stock		41703

DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS

Athens	2624.86
Region	2393.65
Dunbar	760.51
	$5779.02

Books mended 3899

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ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
HIGHLIGHTS OF 1950

The Regional Library has continued to grow in influence and prestige in its new location. This is evidenced by the increase in circulation and use of the library. 12,546 more books were taken from the main library during 1950 than were circulated in 1949. And if we compare this with 1948 we find that circulation has more than doubled that year's figure. For the entire region a similiar picture is shown with an increase in circulation of 14,359 for 1950 over 1949.

During the year the library has sponsored several attractions for the children. In the Spring a Hobby Fair proved successful. A number of children entered their hobbies and many more reported they would have something to enter when we had the fair in 1951.

The Vacation Reading Club was carried on during the summer. A total of 674 children throughout the region received certificates for their reading.Ofthis number 296 children received "Gold Star" certificates for having read 25 or more books. Certificates were awarded during Book Week, at which time a party was given for the children. Another activity of Book Week which the children enjoyed was the Puppet Show. This was staged with the aid of the art class at the University and one of the classes at College Ave. Grammar School.

During the year the library's conference room has furnished a meeting place for a number of small groups.

The library placed an exhibit in the Athens Agricultural Fair. Members of the Library Board and Staff acted as hostesses during certain hours of the day.

Our branch at Bogart, which is located in the school, moved to a much more desirable and larger room in the building during the summer. Paint, new shelves and Venetion blinds make it much more attractive than formerly and also has increased the use made of the library.

During the year we had a number of out-of-town visitors. One visitor whom we were delighted to have and who gave us some good suggestions was Mrs. Gretchen Schenk, library authority from Alabama.

In 1950 the library had twostaff changes. A new director came in January and a new Children's Librarian came in March.

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INCOME:

Jan. 1	Balance	5087.18
	City of Athens	10000.00
	Clarke County	10000.00
	Fines (Athens)	1131.50
	Books sold, L & P	46.25
	Membership Fees	6.00
	Town of Watkinsville	150.00
	B of Commissioners	600.00
	Bogart PTA	60.00
	B of Educ	619.22
	B of Commis	800.04
	Lex Woman's Club	12.00
	" UDC	12.50
	State Dept of Educ.	4196.17

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	
Admin & Process	9461.13
Athens & Dunbar	4048.54
Branches (Oc & Og)	1670.00
Bookmobile	4065.80
Bonus Employees	185.00
Books & Period	
Cash outlay	3262.52
Supplies	542.02
Rent	
Watkinsville Library	50.00
" Lights	1.00
Travel	
Miss Sarah Maret	290.85
Teacher Retir System	114.64
Records	84.19
F & Equipment	231.11
Publicity	167.04
Maintenance	
Lights	368.96
Water	31.25
Janitor	1312.50
Bookmobile	389.86
Phone	259.23
Postage	63.58
Insurance	163.55
Roberts Elec Co.	65.85
Athens Hdw Co.	7.64
Fuel	203.00
Geo. Petty (Dunbar)	125.00
Sam Smith Co.	6.46
Anderson Plumb Co.	5.08
Oil (Watkinsville)	2.25
Student Union	1.55
LaBoon & Son	2.00
Hande Chemical Co.	6.45
Thornton Paper Co.	45.72
Philips & Pendland	3.00
Supply Janitor	11.00
White & Wier	10.50
Lester Labor	10.00
Bailey Plumb Co.	7.75
L.H. Bailey & Sons	4.00
Norris Hdw Co.	3.50
Garden Maintenance	
H.E. Dudley	330.44
Hodgson & Zachary	80.00
H.L. Cofer	16.67
Garden Improvement	
W.T. Tate	1355.46
	29066.09
Balance	3654.77
	$32720.86

OTHER INCOME

Oconee County	200 Gals Gas	$58.22
Oglethorpe	206 "	$50.02

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CIRCULATION
1951

	Non-Fic A	Non-Fic J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz	Total 1951	Total 1950
Athens	11590	8705	35817	31635	3448	91195	86010
Dunbar	764	1975	1063	10916	1066	15784	7514
Bookmobile	459	4832	2896	13211	-	21398	21489
Negro Schools	53	2561	111	8304	-	11029	6579
Watkinsville	512	1119	2863	3185	555	8234	5984
Bogart	334	1546	1945	5584	675	10084	11574
Bookmobile	646	3726	4249	11036	-	19657	19340
Negro Schools	20	920	98	5050	-	6088	5335
Lexington	308	457	1597	2368	447	5177	5131
Bookmobile	833	4989	6060	16433	-	28315	29401
Negro Schools	7	560	13	2129	-	2709	-
Total	15526	31390	56712	109851	6191	219670	198357

REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Forwarded	3271	1806	5077
Athens & Region	947	445	1392
Dunbar	54	109	163
Total	4272	2360	6632

BOOK STOCK

Forwarded	41703
Athens & Region	3636
Dunbar	1098
	46437

Books withdrawn

Library	701	
WPA	31	
Dunbar	45	
		777
Net Book Stock		45660

Distribution of Books

Athens	3270.42
Region	2593.17
Dunbar	1741.09
	$7604.68

Books mended 4126

ANNUAL REPORT NARRATIVE

We, who are connected with the Athens Regional Library, look with pride at our progress during the year 1951. We feel that the services and influences of the library are being extended greatly throughout the area of Clarke, Oconee and Oglethorpe Counties. Our circulation, which is only one of many criteria of Progress has reached 219670 this year. More people are using the main library and its branches than ever before.

This year, as in previous years, the library sponsored a Summer Reading Program. The program centered around the Indian idea with Indian Headbands and feathers used. Over one thousand children were registered and 797 received certificates for their reading. Of this number 318 children were awarded "Gold Star" certificates for having read 25 or more books. In September parties were given throughout the region honoring those who received certificates.

Children's Book Week was observed by the library and one of the highlights of the week was the Puppet Show sponsored by the library and given by Mrs. Dave Paddock. The show proved so popular that a repeat performance had to be given.

Earlier in the year the Annual Children's Hobby Fair was held with many children exhibiting their hobbies in the library. We feel that this annual event creates a desire on the part of some to acquire a hobby and the library wishes to do what it can for the promotion of this idea.

In September the library was chosen as one of six libraries throughout the nation to participate in the American Heritage Project sponsored by the American Library Association. The organization of four discussion groups was the responsibility of the library and its leaders in the program. Readings and films within the framework of our American Heritage are to be used for discussion purposes and the first meetings of the groups are scheduled for January 1952.

Funds for the purchase of books, films, a 16MM projector and a screen were furnished. Response on the part of the Public to this program has been good and many invitations have come to the library to present an American Heritage Program at a group meeting. Programs have been given to those organizations requesting it and this served as a wonderful opportunity for public relations and publicity for the library.

Many improvements have been made on the grounds and garden during the year. In March, plantings following a plan as proposed by the Landscape Architecture Department of the University of Ga. were begun. In September, eight beautiful box woods were set out in front of the building. In December the garden was further improved by the construction of a brick wall, brick walks and a pool.

A number of physical improvements have been made in our library quarters. In March the Dunbar Branch was painted and new tables and new chairs were added for both children and adults. In December the outside woodwork of the main library was painted.

With the acquisition of a 16 MMprojector and screen from the ALA American Heritage Project, the library has rendered a great deal of Audio-Visual service during the latter part of the year. 18 films are available at the library for showing. These films will be the possession of the library until June 1952 at which time they will be turned over to the American Library Association for use in other libraries. We hope by that time that we may be granted other films for use in our library. Also the library has purchased a film strip projector and plans are being made to purchase some films and slides for use in the schools. A great service can be rendered by the library in being able to furnish Audio-Visual materials to its patrons.

The Staff of the library is to be commended on its faithfulness and cooperation during the year. Each person has a job to do and he does it well. We feel that the final interpretation of the library to the public comes from the staff and those who work with the library have exercised good public relations during this year.

Two changes have been made in staff personnel. Our Children's Librarian resigned and has been replaced by Miss Betty Shouse. Our staff member in Watkinsville passed away and she was succeeded by Mrs. Albert Elder.

To the Members of the Board and supporting agencies of the library we wish to express our appreciation for your fine cooperation and support, and to enlist your continued help for the coming year. We know that with all the groups working together we can continue to have the best library in the State.

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INCOME:		EXPENDITURES:	
Jan. 1, 1952			
Balance	3654.77	Salaries	
City of Athens	10000.00	Adminis & Process)	
Fines	1128.00	Teacher Retirement)	12014.33
Athens Art Assoc.	25.00	Athens & Dunbar	4602.05
Membership Fees	9.00	Branches (Oc & Og)	1910.00
Books Sold, L&P	57.44	Bookmobile	4327.90
		Books & Period	
Clarke County	10000.00	Cash outlay	2623.16
		Supplies	
State Department of Ed.	8159.49	Cash outlay	981.84
		Fur & Equip	758.82
Town of Watkinsville	112.50	Publicity	27.07
Oc Board of Ed (1951)	600.00	Records	15.15
Bogart PTA	120.00	Watkinsville	
Fines (Bogart)	3.68	Lights	12.00
		Rent	60.00
Og Board of Ed	729.64	Travel	602.36
Og Board of Commis	800.04	Vacation Reading Club	17.80
Og UDC	12.50	GARDEN MAINTENANCE	
		W.T. Tate	519.00
		H.L. Cofer	11.35
		Empire Chemical Co.	5.50
		Athens Seed Co.	9.00
		G.A. Tucker	25.10
		H.E. Dudley	11.70
		Maintenance	
		Lights	399.89
		Water	46.48
		Janitor	1459.25
		Phone	280.80
		Bookmobile	275.13
		A.B. Griffeth	172.50
		G.M. Caskey & Son	45.00
		Roberts Elec Co.	77.71
		Oil (Watkinsville)	10.60
		Fuel	320.20
		L. Clarke	1.40
		L.M. Leathers Sons	8.20
		Athens Hdw Co.	6.94
		Postage	53.00
		Student Union	5.05
		White & Wier	42.00
		Insurance	11.88
		D.D. Saye	19.52
		Thornton Bros.	37.77
		Lester Lab	37.50
		Hammet Pharmacy	1.90
		Orkin Exter Co.	60.00
		Logan & Son	15.60
		E.B. Addington	62.00
		Bailey & Sons	5.00
		Norris Hdw Co.	2.45
		Bedgood Lumber Co.	2.40
		Christmas Decorations	10.00
		Walker Grocery	1.05
			32005.35
		Balance	3406.71
	$35412.06		$35412.06

OTHER INCOME

Oconee County	175 Gals Gas	$51.15
Oglethorpe County	268 "	63.49

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CIRCULATION:

	Non-fict A	Non-fict J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz	Films	Total 1952	Total 1951
Athens	11743	9927	33465	30158	3600	609	89502	91195
Dunbar	708	2522	901	6383	624		11138	15784
Bookmobile	543	5744	3252	14769	-		24308	21398
Negro Schools	214	2649	107	8445	-		11415	11029
Watkinsville	1350	1441	3855	5937	1141		13724	8234
Bogart	199	922	1595	5635	1127		9478	10084
Bookmobile	838	3754	4659	10371	-		19622	19657
Negro Schools	132	1253	290	4496	-		6171	6088
Lexington	317	382	1189	1905	542		4335	5177
Bookmobile	1119	4801	6314	14269	-		26503	28315
Negro Schools	170	1529	149	3375	-		5223	2709
Total	17333	34924	55776	105743	7034	609	221419	219670

REGISTRATION:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
	(4272 - 410)		
Forwarded	3862	2360	6222
Athens & Region	904	342	1246
Dunbar	54	122	176
Total	4820	2824	7644

BOOK STOCK

Forwarded		456.60
Athens & Region		53.47
Dunbar		4.78
		51485
Books Withdrawn		
Library	553	
WPA	26	
Dunbar	1	
		580
Net Book Stock		50905

Distribution of Books, Films & Records

Films	1200.80
Athens	3380.05
Region	5150.19
Dunbar	873.93
Total	$10604.97

Books Mended 3908

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ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
Athens, Georgia

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1952

As we complete the year 1952, we look back and review some of the activities we have engaged in during the year for the furtherance of library service in the region.

Of course one of our greatest activities during the year was the promotion of adult discussion groups as a part of the AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM. Groups were organized in Athens at the main library, at the Dunbar (Negro) Branch Library, at Watkinsville and at Lexington. During the year these groups held 44 meetings with a total attendance of 798. A great deal of time and energy was expended by those who worked with the program, and the librarians who were responsible for the promotion of the groups in the branches did a wonderful job. This program has focused attention to the importance of the library in the community. A great number of people have expressed an interest in the program, even tho' they have been unable to attend the discussions. Appreciation is due those who helped with the leading of the discussions. Each of these persons has spent much time to help with the program, and to them we owe a debt of gratitude. Programs presented in the name of the library have been given to 71 groups during 1952, 3,643 persons have been present at these programs.

Our Summer Vacation Reading Club was sponsored jointly by the State Department of Education and the State Forestry Commission. The theme "Keep Georgia Forests Green" was used. Certificates were issued to 647 children. Of this number 332 received Gold Star Certificates for having read 25 or more books. When pine tree planting time came the county agents of the three counties gave Loblolly pines to the children to plant at home. A demonstration of the planting and care of a tree was also given. We feel in this way that we are teaching conservation in a practical manner.

During the week of October 20-25 the library sponsored a booth at the Athens Agricultural Fair.

A Parliamentary Law Clinic under the direction of Robert Stephens, Jr. was held at the library in October.

294 Filmstrips were added to the library holdings during the year. These strips have added greatly in library service to groups and they are proving popular with many teachers and others.

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INCOME:

Jan. 1,1953 Balance	3406.71
Books sold, L&P	71.89
State Department of Education	8816.36
Oglethorpe Board of Education	624.40
Oglethorpe Board of Commissioners	800.04
Fines (Athens)	1261.00
Madison County	1705.00
City of Athens	10000.00
Clarke County	10000.00
Town of Watkinsville	150.00
Oconee Board of Commissioners	400.00
Athens Art Assoc.	25.00
Oconee Board of Education	600.00
Membership Fee	3.00

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	
Admin & Process	13310.50
Athens & Dunbar	4576.71
Branches	
Oc, Og, Madison	2732.70
Bookmobile	4533.80
Books & Period.	
Cash outlay	2662.26
Supplies	
Cash outlay	1037.71
Watkinsville	
Rent	60.00
Lights	12.00
Travel	349.01
Publicity	6.85
Films	150.48
Furniture & Equip	234.21
Vacation Reading Club	107.71
Insurance	338.33
Employees Retirement Service of Georgia	2398.33
Maintenance	
Water	48.53
Fuel	187.05
Caskey & Son	5.00
Southern Bell T&T Co.	304.59
Janitor	1423.00
Lights	405.64
Thornton Bros.	49.65
APS Co.	7.00
Orkin Exter Co.	55.00
Bookmobile	365.91
Student Union	1.00
Postage	28.00
A.B. Griffeth	350.00
Athens Glass Co.	9.58
Roberts Elec Co.	30.34
Athens V.B. Co.	4.20
Lester Labor	37.50
White & Wier	11.50
Hale Cab Co.	44.95
Howard Turner	3.50
Bedgood Lumber Co.	16.45
Athens Lumber Co.	7.77
Athens Hdw Co.	1.50
Horton Drug Co.	2.07
McGregor Co.	15.00
Hill-Smith	2.50
Dick Alais	10.68
Tanner Lumber Co.	20.00
Garden Maintenance	131.80
	36090.31
Balance	1773.09
$37863.40	$37863.40

OTHER INCOME

Oconee County	149 Gals Gas	$44.40
Oglethorpe County	195 "	$44.84

CIRCULATION:

1953	Non-Fict. A	Non-Fict. J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz.	Films	Total 1953	Total 1952
Athens	11108	10969	32828	34209	4085	2735	95934	89502
Dunbar	721	2025	938	5710	817	2	10213	11138
Bookmobile	452	4383	2491	12468			19794	24308
Negro Schools	236	2191	30	7755			10212	11415
Watkinsville	1277	1688	3844	6562	877	107	14355	13724
Bogart	298	1161	1796	6652	1294	36	11237	9478
Bookmobile	642	2948	3871	9213			16674	19622
Negro Schools	905	1326	442	3168			5841	6171
Lexington	322	523	1342	2297	433	5	4922	4335
Bookmobile	890	4492	5580	15005			25967	26503
Negro Schools	220	3556	80	8285			12141	5223
Danielsville	1710	2412	4137	4310	3503		16072	
Bookmobile	903	7094	4761	21890			34648	
Negro Schools	20	724	20	2620			3384	
Total	19704	45492	62160	140144	11009	2885	281394	221419

REGISTRATION:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Forwarded	4820	2824	7644
Athens & Region	1210	344	1554
Dunbar	45	105	150
Total	6075	3273	9348
Less cancellations for reregistration			1658
Net total			7690

BOOK STOCK

Forwarded		50905
Added		7667
		58572
Books withdrawn		
Library	849	
WPA	54	
Dunbar	260	
		1163
Net Bookstock		57409

Distribution of Books and Films;

Athens	$3938.17
Region	6466.18
Dunbar	1862.31
Films	1369.65
Total	$13636.31

Books mended 4769

NEWS NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we review the activities of the Athens Regional Library for 1953, we note with satisfaction the growth of the library during the year. Our circulation figures, which serve as one criterion of our growth, continue to rise and this year we circulated 281,394 books, magazines, pamphlets and filmstrips for home use. Our units of service have grown and we are justly proud of each. Our circulation figure this year is 59,975 above that of last year and is 97,396 above the circulation of 1949, at which time the library headquarters was moved to the new building.

1953 has seen us extend our regional library service to include Madison County. This move made us the second region in the state to serve four counties. We hope our friends in Madison County feel that they have benefited from the consolidation, for our staff has enjoyed working with them in the promotion of library service.

Several changes have taken place in the staff during the year. Three new members have joined the headquarters staff. Mrs. Charles Huff came to us in January to work with the bookmobile. Miss Betty Lipham joined us in March to become Children's Librarian. (Miss Lipham became Mrs. Dorsey Sanders in October) In August Miss June Brice joined the staff as Library Consultant, her principle job being to work with the branches and schools of the region. In February, when Madison County came into the region, Mrs. G.W. Hardman became a member of the staff as the Branch Librarian in charge of the Madison County Library in Danielsville.

The library has engaged in a number of activities during the year. We have continued our Adult Discussion Groups under the American Heritage Program in co-operation with the American Library Association. During the year we have had five library sponsored discussion groups. These have been in the Libraries in Athens, Watkinsville, Bogart, Lexington and Dunbar. Thirty-five meetings were held during the year and 545 persons attended the discussions. Additional film programs were presented to 11 groups with three hundred forty one persons in attendance. The participating librarians have done a wonderful job and the success of the program is, in a very large measure, due to them. Mrs. William Tate accepted the position of Director of the program in September and the discussions are going forward nicely under her direction.

Two different themes were used throughout the region in the Summer Vacation Reading Club. Athens and Watkinsville chose "Space Travel" as their theme, while Danielsville, Lexington, Bogart and Dunbar chose "Travelling With Safety on the Road to Good Reading" as their theme. 722 children completed their required reading and received certificates. Of this number, 357 children received "Gold Star" certificates for reading 25 or more books. Parties were given in each of the libraries for the children receiving certificates.

Another activity of the Children's Department which brought in a number of patrons and created a great deal of interest was the Children's Hobby Show which was held in the library on April 30-May 2. Quite a bit of interest was created by the display of each hobbyist's collection or handicraft.

Several interesting persons have visited us during the year. We had two visiting librarians from Germany as well as one Texas librarian.

With the professional advice and aid of the library consultant, the branch libraries and the school libraries of our region are taking on a "new look". Much work has been done to organize the book collections in the region. Carithers School as well as Ila School have both had their library organized and library lessons have been givem to the student assistants.

In October the library sponsored an exhibit at the Athens Agricultural Fair. "Around the World With Books" was the theme of the exhibit.

Children's Book Week was celebrated this year with a program being given each afternoon in the Children's Department.

We would like to call your attention to the number of books added to our collection during the year. 7,667 books represent quite an addition to our holdings. Our book collection has reached the point

that we are able to give good service, and although we do not buy for the scholar doing research work, we still are able to give much assistance to those who come for this purpose. A total of 4,769 books have been mended during this year.

The works of local artists have been exhibited from time to time in the library and these exhibits have created quite a bit of interest among the townspeople.

The library staff is made up of the following members:

ATHENS LIBRARY

Mrs. Della Bone - Circulation Dept.
Mrs. A.S. Bussey - Processing Dept.
Alma R. Hughes - Bookkeeping and Process Dept.
Mrs. Dorsey Sanders - Children's Dept.
Garland Smith - Circulation Dept.
Barbara Eidam and Judy Albert - Student Assistants

BOGART BRANCH

Mrs. Dewitt Daniell

DANIELSVILLE BRANCH

Mrs. G.W. Hardman

DUNBAR BRANCH

Roxie Jarrell

LEXINGTON BRANCH

Mrs. Prudence Marchman

WATKINSVILLE BRANCH

Mrs. Albert Elder

BOOKMOBILE

Julian Aiken
Mrs. Charles Huff

REGION

June Brice - Library Consultant
Sarah Maret - Director

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ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY
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1954
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1954			1954	
Jan. 1	Balance	$1773.09	Salaries	
	City of Athens	10000.00	Admin & Process	$15761.30
	Clarke County	10000.00	Athens & Dunbar	4534.53
	Fines (Athens)	1303.70	Branches	
	Books sold, L&P	92.16	(Oc, Og, Mad)	2868.90
	Athens Art Assoc.	25.00	Bookmobile	4621.24
	Refund on Insurance	2.87	Social Security	719.67
			Books, Period, & Films	
	State Dept. of		Cash outlay	2163.96
	Education	14088.48	Supplies	
			Cash outlay	640.81
	Madison County	1860.00	Watkinsville	
			Lights	12.00
	Oconee Co. Board		Rent	60.00
	of Education	600.00	Mend & Bind.	637.82
	Oconee Co. Board		Furniture & Equipment	39.95
	of Commissioners	400.00	Travel	471.52
	Town of Watkinsville		Ga. Library Assoc.	17.50
		187.50	Bonus to Employees	350.00
	Bogart PTA	60.00	Insurance	503.65
	Sale Bonus Projector		Vacation Reading Club	86.17
	Bogart PTA	50.00	Postage	54.00
			Publicity	30.00
	Oglethorpe Board		Maintenance	
	of Education	625.47	Water	62.13
	Oglethorpe Board of		Thornton Paper Co.	75.78
	Commissioners	800.04	Orkin Exter Co.	60.00
			White & Wier	67.70
			Southern Bell T&T Co.	294.78
			Janitor	1281.60
			Bookmobile	43.90
			Fuel	248.82
			Lights	464.83
			Dick Allais	5.18
			Roberts Elec Co.	30.71
			Morris Hdw Co.	1.25
			Morris Held Co.	6.44
			Hale Cabinet Co.	60.00
			Repair Mower	6.00
			LaBoon & Son	1.00
			Athens Lumber Co.	10.29
			Leathers & Sons	12.90
			J.H. Biggers	34.90
			Sam Smith Co.	33.80
			Tanner Lumber Co.	79.98
			Normal Hdw Co.	18.31
			Athens Hdw Co.	1.50
			Garden Maintenance	
			H.L. Cofer Co.	5.75
				36880.57
			Balance	4987.74
		$41868 .31		$41868.31

OTHER INCOME

Oconee County	195 Gals Gas	$59.11
Oglethorpe County	135 "	$32.37

CIRCULATION:

1954	Non-Fic. A	Non-Fic. J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz	Films	Total 1954	Total 1953
Athens	12001	12263	32386	39220	4571	2538	103059	95934
Dunbar	961	2800	1362	7079	1243	-	13445	10213
Bookmobile	413	3582	2253	10338			16586	19794
" Negro	126	1987	163	9451			11727	10212
Watkinsville	1531	1618	3918	7643	942	98	15750	14355
Bogart	211	819	1371	6036	1003	72	9512	11237
Bookmobile	562	3210	4074	11237			19083	16674
" Negro	69	956	132	3673			4830	5841
Lexington	223	547	852	2357	536	16	4531	4922
Bookmobile	2089	4297	6301	13752			26439	25967
" Negro	365	3821	251	16628			21065	12141
Danielsville	1260	1828	4394	6362	4012	63	17919	16072
Bookmobile	3359	8850	6871	25859			44939	34648
" Negro	27	676	24	3200			3927	3384
Total	23277	47254	64352	162835	12307	2787	312812	281394

REGISTRATION:

	A	J	Total
Forwarded	2815	3273	6088
Athens & Region	866	297	1163
Dunbar	47	64	111
Total	3728	3634	7362

BOOK STOCK:

Forwarded		57409
Added		6705
		64114
Books withdrawn		
Library	963	
WPA	34	
Dunbar	198	
		1195
Net Book Stock		62919

Distribution of Books and Films

Athens	$4060.07
Region	5296.74
Dunbar	1448.27
Films	2335.88
	$13140.96

Books Mended 4248

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REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR
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As we complete the year 1954 we wish to review some of the activities we have engaged in during the past twelve months for the advancement of library service in the city of Athens and in the region.

The Athens Regional Library not only serves the people of Athens, but it is the headquarters library for the region, which is made up of the counties of Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Madison. The library has five branches. These are located in Watkinsville, Bogart, Danielsville and Lexington. The fifth branch, Dunbar, is the Negro Branch and is located in Athens. Dunbar serves the Negroes of our community. In addition to the branches, the library operates a bookmobile, which serves the four counties of the region.

HOURS OF SERVICE

The Athens City Library operates so that all citizens of the town and region may have access to its splendid collection of books, filmstrips and recordings. From Monday through Friday, library hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday the library is open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The library is open a total of 72 hours per week to the public. We feel that these hours give ample time for all who are interested in receiving service to be able to get it.

The branch libraries are open 15-20 hours per week.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

VACATION READING CLUB

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the library conducted a very successful Vacation Reading Club. All elementary schools of the region were visited during the month of May to interest the children in reading during the summer and to invite them to come tobne of the libraries or to the bookmobile and participate in the Vacation Reading Club. The theme "Hunt Treasure Through Books" was used in the Athens Library and in three of the branches. As each child joined the club he became a "pirate" for the summer. After the completion of a specified number of books each child was given a small symbol indicating his accomplishment. A total of 885 children received certificates. Of this number 448 received "Gold Star" certificates for having read 25 or more books. Parties were given for those who completed the reading requirements soon after the completion of the summer program.

RADIO STORY HOUR

On Radio Station WGAU, the library sponsors a 15 minute Children's Story Hour each Friday afternoon.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Each Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, a story hour for children is held in the Children's Department in the Athens Library. During the spring and summer months the Ladies Garden Club furnished plants, seeds and flowers for the children to take home, so that they might have gardens of their own.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was observed by the library from November 14-20. Programs were scheduled each afternoon in the Athens library for the children. These programs featured talks by foreign students who are attending the University and proved so popular that we had an overflow crowd every day.

Book Week Posters were distributed to the school libraries and to the branches of the region.

ART DISPLAYS

The Athens Regional Library in cooperation with the Athens Art Association has sponsored displays of art work by local artists. These displays have created interest in art as well as interest in the library.

EXHIBIT CASES

Local people possessing interesting or unusual articles allowed them to be displayed in the exhibit cases at the entrance to the

themselves but also gave recognition to their owners.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

A number of discussion groups have met in the libraries in Athens, Watkinsville, Lexington and Dunbar. "Our American Heritage and Its Contemporary Application" has been the theme around which the groups chose topics for discussion. Attendance at these group discussions has been good and local participation has been rewarding.

HOBBY TALKS

During the week of April 5-9 four hobby talks were sponsored by the Library in Athens. Interested persons attended these sessions and enthusiasm was sufficient to warrant our sponsoring another hobby talk on November 12. We plan to have other sessions on other hobbies in 1955.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Circulation figures, only one yardstick of a library's effectiveness, continue to rise. The year 1954 shows that a total of 312,812 books, magazines, films, filmstrips and recordings were circulated by the Regional Library. This figure is 31,418 above that of last year's total of 281,394. This is an average of 4.7 pieces of material circulated per person in the region.

During the year 6,705 books were added to the collection. This brings our total book collection to 69,355 books.

The library now owns 1200 filmstrips. This is one of the best filmstrip collections in the state. These filmstrips were circulated 2526 times during the year. It is estimated that 63,150 viewers saw them. Church groups, school groups, and organizations for young people have been the principle users of the filmstrip service.

NEW QUARTERS

During the year the Bogart Branch of the Athens Regional Library has had a new building constructed and it will be ready for occupancy early in 1955. Through the combined efforts of the Oconee County Commissioners, the County School Superintendent, the City Council of Bogart and many interested citizens of Bogart and Oconee County this dream has become a reality. These fine people are to be congratulated on their spirit of cooperation and faithfulness in seeing this project to completion.

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ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY

ATHENS, GA.

Correction to Annual Report:

See page 4 of report in list of those who helped toward the cost of the projects which improved the looks of the library -

Item 14 - The Clarke County Commissioners bore one half of the expense of the concrete reported.

This item should read-

City of Athens and Clarke County Commissioners-Concrete foundation for fence and concrete entrance to driveway -

(Please attach this to your Annual Report)

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY

Annual report

1955

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INCOME:

Jan. 1	Balance	4987.74
	City of Athens	10000.00
	" Special	100.00
	Clarke County	10000.00
	Fines (Athens)	1358.00
	Books Sold, L&P	11.88
	Refund Insurance	
	Hutchins, Cox & Stroud	2.56
	Special Membership	
	Mrs. R.B. Carter	3.00
	J.W. Waggett	3.00
	Clyde Hood	3.00
	Donations	
	Mrs. J.W. Jenkins	6.00
	Athens Art Association	35.00
	Oconee Board of Ed 1954	600.00
	Oconee Board of Ed 1955	600.00
	Oconee Board of Commissioners	400.00
	Town of Watkinsville	150.00
	Bogart PTA	60.00
	Madison County	1860.00
	Og Board of Ed.	624.30
	" of Commis	800.04
	State Dept. of Ed	10367.00

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	
Admin & Process	15527.10
Athens & Dunbar	4826.43
Branches	
Og; Oc; Madison	2950.33
Bookmobile	4970.72
Social Security	669.01
Christmas Bonus	267.50
Books & Period.	
Cash outlay	2861.81
Supplies	
Cash outlay	778.38
Watkinsville	
Lights	12.00
Rent	60.00
Travel	687.64
Insurance	320.97
Vacation Reading Club	147.42
Publicity	5.96
Mend & Bind	66.60
Fur & Equip	454.57
Express	2.37
Exchange	.39
Mrs. Paul Pfeutze	13.86
Maintenance	
Janitors	1343.60
Fuel	319.16
Roberts Elec Co.	61.42
Thornton Paper Co.	99.64
Orkin Exter Co.	60.00
Bookmobile	533.23
Phone	282.42
Sam Smith Co.	49.87
Athens Hdw Co.	32.37
Athens Water Works	47.50
Ga. Power Co.	496.63
Morris Hdw Co.	5.52
White & Wier	25.00
Athens Glass Co.	3.29
Ga. Uphol Co.	50.00
City of Athens	10.00
Tanner Lumber Co.	2.88
Bert L. Beussee	2.50
McGregor Co.	3.81
Piedmont Market	11.72
Ga. Power Co.	1.75
Dick Allais	22.20
Garden Maintenance	
Craig Orr	20.00
Cofer & Co.	17.60
Mrs. Frank Dudley	2.50
H.L. Dudley	41.35
	38169.02
Balance	3802.50
	$41971.52

$41971.52

OTHER INCOME

Oconee County	196 Gal Gas	$60.59
Oglethorpe Co.	189 "	$43.94

CIRCULATION:

1955	Nonfic A	Nonfic J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Mags	Films & Records	Total 1955	Total 1954
Athens	11520	13274	32076	35997	4442	3731	101040	103059
Dunbar	1189	3445	1449	8777	1433		16293	13445
Bookmobile	434	4118	2498	10786			17836	16586
" Negro	112	2145	40	8053			10350	11727
Watkinsville	1529	2322	3949	6387	1387	31	15605	15750
Bogart	210	305	1415	3059	552	10	5551	9512
Bookmobile	1039	5566	4920	16321			27846	19083
" Negro	103	1094	62	3888			5147	4830
Lexington	255	866	1160	3225	662		6168	4531
Crawford	13	66	23	92			194	-
Bookmobile	1398	4182	6907	17091			29578	26439
" Negro	217	3331	262	15330			19140	21065
Danielsville	1444	2430	3449	6362	3241		16926	17919
Bookmobile	1393	10817	8224	34085			54519	44939
" Negro	262	1487	231	4599			6579	3927
Total	21118	55448	66665	174052	11717	3772	332 772	312812

REGISTRATION:

	A	J	Total
Forwarded	3728	3634	7362
Athens & Region	835	291	1126
Dunbar	33	32	65
Total	4596	3957	8553

BOOK STOCK:

Forwarded		62919
Added		5273
		~~68292~~ 68192
Books withdrawn		
Library	606	
WPA	25	
Dunbar	94	
		725
Net Book Stock		67467

Distribution of Books & Films:

Athens	$3469.88
Region	6506.61
Dunbar	1568.85
Films	2913.97
Total	$14459.31

Books mended 868

NEWS NOTES FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

As 1955 draws to a close, we would like to review some of the highlights of the year in our library program, which serves the counties of Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Madison.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

VACATION READING CLUBS

The Summer Reading program for the children of the region was conducted during the months of June, July and August. The Circus idea was used throughout the area. Colorful decorations were used in all of the libraries. Small circus clown caps were given to children reading ten books and circus animals were given when a child had completed reading 25 books.

Approximately 1,200 children joined the several clubs and 816 of these read the required number of books to receive a certificate. Of this number, 444 received a "Gold Star" certificate for having read 25 or more books. Parties at which certificates were awarded, were given by all of the libraries.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was observed, November 14-19. Special programs were planned and presented at which three foreign students who are attending the university talked to the children. A number of classes from the elementary schools of Athens visited the library during Book Week and were instructed in the use of the library and library materials.

HOBBY TALKS

Several hobby talks have been sponsored during the year. During the week of February 7-11, the following were sponsored in the Children's Department: Sports as Hobbies; Pets as Hobbies; and Wild Animals as Hobbies. On April 27 a program on Coin Collecting As A Hobby, was given.

DAVY CROCKETT DAY

The observance of Davy Crockett Day on May 25th. brought 136 of the small fry into the library. Guest speaker was Mrs. Aileen Wells Parks, author of DAVY CROCKETT, YOUNG RIFLEMAN. A door prize, an autographed copy of Mrs. Park's book, was given to one lucky youngster.

RADIO STORY HOUR

The library in cooperation with Radio Station WGAU and the Speech and Drama Department of the University of Georgia sponsors a 15 minute story hour for the children each Saturday afternoon.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Each Saturday morning, from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the Children's Department in the Athens Library a library story hour is held.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

During the year, from January to May, American Heritage discussion groups were sponsored by the libraries in Athens, in Watkinsville and in Bogart. In October, November and December the library cooperated with the Athens League of Women Voters by furnishing a meeting place for the "Freedom Agenda" discussion groups.

Our Library Consultant has worked very closely with the schools of the region during the past year. She has supervised the organization of school libraries in the following schools: Winterville Elementary School, Oglethorpe County Schools, Comer Elementary School and Madison County High School. With a well organized library, the schools are better able to use the materials which they own and also to select suitable materials for purchase.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

FLAGS

Flags of 12 of the United Nations were given to the library on U.N. Day, October 24. Two other flags have been added to the collection, and it is hoped that we will have the complete collection before very long. These flags have circulated a number of times to church and other groups, and we anticipate many requests for the flags from time to time.

BENCHES

Five new cast iron benches were placed in the library garden this year. Two of these benches were given in memory of Mr. Morton Hodgson, past Board Chairman, and three were given by the Junior Ladies Garden Club. This club has taken the garden as its permanent project and has made a number of plantings and improvements during the year.

GRECIAN URN

On March 23, with an appropriate ceremony, a lovely 2,600 year old Grecian Urn was placed in the library by Mayor Wells who had received the Urn from Mr. Terzopoulos of Athens, Greece.

PAINTING AND DISPLAY CASE

In June, the Dunbar Branch Library was the recipient of an oil painting by Robert Frances Hollingsworth, a gift of Mr. Howard Benson. Also a display case was given to this library by the Athens Art Association and Mr. Harry Hodgson.

NEW BUILDING AT BOGART

On March 6,1955 the lovely new library building of the Bogart Branch Library was officially opened to the public. This library was made possible by the efforts of Bogart citizens and with the cooperation of the Oconee County Board of Education, Oconee County Commissioners and the Town Council of Bogart.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our circulation for the region has now reached 332,772 books, magazines and phamplets. This is a circulation of 5 Books per capita. New materials have been added regularily to the library holdings and the book collection now numbers 67,467. Films and filmstrips are an important part of our holdings. These were used 3,772 times during the year and it is estimated that 94,300 persons have viewed these films and filmstrips.

NEEDS FOR THE REGION FOR 1956

As the Regional Library grows year by year, we find that there are two things we should work for in the matter of physical facilities for the coming year.

MORE SPACE

One of our greatest needs is space. Many books are being added to the book colledtion each month. In the headquarters Library in Athens, the bookshelving space has been filled and in the library building there is no more room for expansion. This is an acute need in this Library.

The same need is felt in the libraries in Lexington, Danielsville, and Watkinsville. These libraries would receive more books from the Regional Library book collection if shelving space were available.

BOOKMOBILE

Our present bookmobile began operating in 1949. This truck is now 7 years old and should be replaced with a new one. The cost of such a new truck would be very nominal when divided among the four participating counties.

A new bookmobile and more space for the main library and the branches can be secured, if we work toward these goals. Meeting these needs will insure more effective library service in our region.

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INCOME:

1956		
Jan. 1	Balance	3802.50
	City of Athens	10000.00
	Fines (Athens)	1484.00
	Books L&P	25.88
	Refund Insurance	
	(H, Cox, & Stroud)	8.68
	Sale Projector	50.00
	Donations:	
	Mrs. Josephine Wallace	7.50
	Mr. & Mrs. R. West	10.00
	League of Women Voters	7.00
	Rotary Club	10.00
	Athens Art Assoc.	25.00
	State Dept. of Ed	18580.00
	Clarke County	10000.00
Oconee County		
	Board of Ed.	600.00
	Bogart PTA	60.00
	Town of Watkins	75.00
Oglethorpe County		
	Board of Ed.	788.96
	" Commis	800.04
Madison County		1860.00

EXPENDITURERS:

1956	
Salaries	
Admin & Process	18039.10
Athens & Dunbar	4487.75
Branches	
Oc; Og; & Madison	2931.30
Bookmobile	5438.00
Social Security	586.68
Bonus	275.00
Books & Period.	
Cash outlay	2771.17
Supplies	
Cash outlay (General)	790.08
" (Household)	83.59
" (Mending)	244.10
Lights & Heat	
Water & Phone	1211.83
Postage	50.00
Travel	404.12
Insurance	352.31
Watkinsville	
Rent	60.00
Lights	4.00
Fur & Equip	899.30
Janitors	1345.67
Maintenance	
Bailey Plumb Co.	13.80
Orkin Exter Co.	60.00
White & Wier	32.50
Bookmobile	676.04
Roberts Elec Co.	41.65
McGregor Co.	25.47
Sam Smith Paint Co.	20.35
Ga. Uphol Co.	35.00
Athens Hdw Co.	1.05
Curtis W. Janes	11.35
Tanner Lumber Co.	5.15
Athens Lumber Co.	5.04
Baileys	2.50
G.L. Doster	3.00
Thornton Paper Co.	20.22
Miscellaneous	18.78
Taxes	10.00
Conference Expense	21.00
V.R. Club	148.84
Garden Maintenance	51.29
	41177.03
Balance	7017.53
	$48194.56

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Other Income

245 3/10 Gals Gas $78.55

ASSESSMENTS PAID FOR NEW BOOKMOBILE

Madison County	$1578.52
Clarke County	789.26
Oconee County	1183.09
	$3550.87

1956

CIRCULATION 1956

	Non-fic A	Non-fic J	Fiction A	Fiction J	Magz	Films	Total 1956	Total 1955
Athens	12024	13323	34493	39028	5116	4465	108449	101040
Dunbar	978	2288	1033	10315	1294		15908	16293
Bookmobile	535	4876	2799	11722			19932	17836
" Negro	180	2762	105	7828			10875	10350
Watkinsville	1630	2655	3711	6807	1680	102	16585	15605
Bogart	228	382	925	2613	602	84	4834	5551
Bookmobile	1053	5424	5068	16251			27796	27846
" Negro	113	1650	36	4943			6742	5147
Lexington	233	381	885	1861	1289		4649	6168
Bookmobile	1620	4204	6270	17556			29650	29578
" Negro	148	1282	148	5092			6670	19140
Crawford	-			-			-	194
Danielsville	1564	2231	3128	5071	2230		14224	16926
Bookmobile	1495	12463	7553	31837			53348	54519
" Negro	302	883	45	2742			3972	6579
Total	22103	54804	66199	163666	12211	4651	323634	332772

REGISTRATION:

	A	J	Total
Forwarded	4596	3957	8553
Athens & Region	611	292	903
Dunbar	18	45	63
Total	5225	4294	9519

BOOK STOCK

Forwarded		67467
Added		4628
		72095

Books withdrawn:

Library	713	
WPA	53	
Dunbar	55	
		821
Net Book Stock		71274

Distribution of Books & Films:

Athens	$3617.20
Region	5395.20
Dunbar	1117.99
Films	2774.25
Total	$12904.64

Books Mended: 2046

NEWS NOTES FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

We would like to review some of the activities of the Regional Library for the year 1956.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

VACATION READING CLUBS

The summer reading program for the children of the region was conducted during the months of June, July and August. "Fishing for Books" was the theme of the program and proved to be quite popular with the youngsters. With the completion of the reading of 25 books a live tropical fish was given to each reader. In the region approximately 1300 children joined the club, at the close of this program, 912 certificates were issued. Of this number, 519 children were given "Gold Star" certificates for having read 25 or more books. A party was held in each of the branches and in Athens for those who completed the required reading.

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB

A new program was begun on November 16. This program, planned for adults with leisure time, meets each Friday at the library from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. Timely and stimulating talks and films have been given and a number of favorable comments from adults have made about this activity of the library.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was observed this year from November 25 to December 1. Five programs were planned for the children of this vicinity. These included a musical program, talks by two authors of children's books, a puppet show, a travel talk and a talk on the instruments of the orchestra.

ART DISPLAYS

Many Athens artists displayed their works in the library during the year. This is a very popular activity of the library and is sponsored by the Athens Art Association.

RADIO STORY HOUR

Each Saturday morning over Radio Station WGAU a Children's Story Hour is presented by Mrs. John Barner.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

From 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. each Saturday, a Story Hour is held in the Children's Department of the Athens Library.

MATERIALS

FILMSTRIPS

The filmstrips have been cataloged this year and continue to be used by many groups as is evidenced by the circulation figures. It is estimated that 116,275 persons saw the 4651 filmstrips circulated. Church groups, youth organizations and school groups are the principal users of the filmstrip collection which now numbers 2,166 strips. In addition to the filmstrips, twenty-four films were used in the library or circulated to groups. These films were shown to 984 viewers.

FLAGS

Our collection of flags now numbers 18. These have been borrowed a number of times during the year. Civic, church and university groups have been the principal users. Four flags were added in 1956 and we hope to eventually own all flags of the United Nations so that they will be available to the community when they are wanted.

USE OF MATERIALS

Circulation figures reveal that most of the agencies of the library made gains during 1956. However, the total circulation figure is some 9,000 less that in 1955. A study of the circulation figures of the individual distributing agencies reveal that the chief drop in circulation is in the negro schools served by the bookmobile. This we feel is due to the fact that consolidation of the negro schools took place during the year. This consolidation necessitated adjustment to a new situation on the part of the students and teachers and as a result the reading of books lessened considerably. We hope that in 1957 this situation will be improved.

GIFTS

A set of Great Books of the Western World was a gift of the Old Dominion Foundation to the library in January 1956. This 54 volume set is a valuable addition to our collection as it contains many obscure and out-of-print writings.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Our library consultant reports that practically all the schools in the region either have or are in the process of organizing libraries. The following schools have made progress in that direction during the past year: Ila, Danielsville, Watkinsville, Oconee County High and Southside. The aim of these school libraries now is to build a well-rounded collection, which will fill the needs of the students and teachers which they serve.

VISITORS

Mrs. Angela Dancu of Palermo, Sicily spent several days visiting the library in September. Mrs. Dancu was studying library practices in the United States and we were glad to have had our library chosen as one for her to visit.

NEW BOOKMOBILE

An order for a new bookmobile was placed with the Gerstenslager Co. in October and we are expecting delivery of the new unit early in 1957. We are deeply indebted to the many board members who worked untireingly to raise the money to pay for this new bookmobile. Also, we wish to express appreciation to the governmental agencies, to the Parent-Teacher organizations and to the schools which contributed to the bookmobile fund. It is through the combined efforts of those in our region that we are able to get a new bookmobile and we are deeply grateful to those who have had a share in making it possible.

NEEDS FOR 1957

As the library continues to grow year by year housing becomes more acute. The lack of adequate space is felt in the Athens library as well as in the Lexington, Danielsville and Watkinsville Branches.

Let us look to the future and work for more adequate space for our libraries.

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